

The Virtual Workforce: Designing, Leading, and Optimizing

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FROM THE CONSORTIUM CHAIR

Welcome to Louisville and the 7th Annual SIOP Leading Edge Consortium. This event promises to continue the consortium's fine tradition of high-quality and innovative programming in an environment especially suited for interaction. This year we are pleased to present expert advice from top business leaders and scholars on the virtual workforce. I want to thank them for sharing their time and expertise with us. I would also like to thank you, the attendees, for sharing this experience. A special thank you goes to the co-chairs: Andrea Goldberg, Lori Foster Thompson, and Allen Kraut. Their help in planning this event was invaluable. Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for making this wonderful event a reality. I hope you will find this event to be entertaining and stimulating, as well as educational.



Kurt Kraiger
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A WORD ABOUT NETWORKING DINNERS

Networking dinners will take place Friday evening after our reception at a number of local restaurants. This optional event is an opportunity to join your colleagues for a relaxing discussion of topics of the day at a top Louisville restaurant. The sign-up process was conducted online in advance of the consortium. Several slots are still available to sign up for during the conference, but this must be done no later than noon Friday. Seating is limited, and you will be responsible for the cost of dinner. All restaurants are within walking distance.

2011 LEADING EDGE CONSORTIUM AGENDA

THE VIRTUAL WORKFORCE: DESIGNING, LEADING, AND OPTIMIZING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

4:00 – 8:30 PM	Registration, Medallion BR Foyer
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Reception, Rathskeller (Presented by Najafi Global Mindset Institute, Thunderbird Global School of Management)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 – 9:30 AM	Registration, Medallion BR Foyer
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast, Medallion BR Foyer
8:30 – 5:30 PM	General Session, Medallion CD
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Opening Comments: Kurt Kraiger, Consortium General Chair

8:45 – 9:30 AM	Keynote Address: In the Digital Era, Is "Virtual Workforce" Redundant? Courtney Hunt, Renaissance Strategic Solutions (RSS)
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To kick off the conference, Dr. Hunt will present a high-level overview of the main characteristics of the 2.0 phase of the Digital Era and illustrate how constantly evolving technologies create a strong impetus to redefine what is considered “normal” when it comes to thinking about how work gets done. She will identify opportunities and challenges inherent in Digital Era work life, connecting them to themes and topics addressed in the sessions to follow. She will also share thoughts on other important ways in which attendees and their colleagues can explore and implement new and better ways of designing, leading, and optimizing work.

How Organizations Are Being Impacted (Allen Kraut, Research Chair, Moderator)

This module is designed to show how organization members are using social media to connect to one another in leading organizations, identify the opportunities to use social media to improve relationships and teamwork among an organization's members, describe the policies and training that are needed to maximize the use of social media, and specify the HR practices that can be influenced or changed by social media.

9:30 – 10:00 AM	Social Business at IBM (Michael Bazigos, IBM) This presentation features a point of view backed by living, evolving examples from inside IBM. It aims to move skeptical traditionalists from a "Twitter is a waste of time" attitude to a better appreciation of how many non-Twitter technologies can be "mashed up" to destroy historical silo barriers between knowledge management, collaboration, and learning. (It may be interesting to motivated adopters, too!) Examples will include a description of how "Jams" (asynchronous electronic global town hall meetings) were used to create the values of the enterprise and new go-to-market business models, and how collaborative technologies are enabling user-generated learning content that maximizes a new social metric: ROC—"return on contribution."
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10:00 – 10:30 AM

Break, Medallion BR Foyer

10:30 – 11:00 AM	People Analytics (Brian Welle, Google) Advances in communication technology and the ability to work in "real time" across distance have transformed how employees work together. Using Google as an example, Dr. Welle will discuss: (a) how employees use technology to connect in new ways, (b) the impact on Google's culture and innovation, and (c) how HR practices—from staffing to the annual survey—can capitalize on employees' social connections.
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11:00 – 11:30 AM	Collaboration in a Virtual Workforce: Strategies for the Knowledge Economy (Jacob McNulty, Orbital RPM) Globalization, technology advancements, and other macro trends are forcing organizations to radically shift how they operate and how they create value. This session explores strategies for success in our hypernetworked, global knowledge economy such as social and value network analysis, systems dynamics, and social business software capabilities.
11:30 – Noon	Panel (Courtney, Michael, Brian, Jacob)
NOON – 1:00 PM	Lunch, Grand Ballroom (10th floor)
Specific Applications (Andrea Goldberg, Practice Chair, Moderator)	
This module covers a discussion of unified talent management, a case study demonstrating how technology enables innovation and engagement. We will also examine how technology enhances virtual team productivity across different states, countries, and continents and how to maximize telecommuting effectiveness. Also covered will be the use of technology for more effective selection and development via assessment centers, and challenges and opportunities for technology and older adults.	
1:00 – 1:30 PM	HR Challenges in a Shifting Work Environment: Leveraging Technology for Key Talent Management Initiatives (Sandra Hartog and Lynn Collins, Fenestra) Pressing HR needs coupled with the business environment require a focus on cost, scalability, and impact. This presentation will discuss how some market leaders have solved today's selection and development challenges through leveraging technology. Drs. Hartog and Collins will describe four cutting-edge programs developed for clients and how they have impacted key organizational goals. The presentation will end with tips for attracting, retaining, and developing today's talent.
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Unified Talent Management: What Is It and How Do I Get Some? (Nathan Mondragon, Taleo) Talent management solutions started as point processes designed to address a single talent issue (e.g., reviews to manage or compare employee performance). Currently, we are in the early adoption stage of combining these point processes into a unified or whole system view. In this session we will quickly review the history of these point solutions to gain an understanding of why we are at the chasm of talent management unification. A definition of unification will be proposed, the benefits of unified TM will be presented, and a model for implementing these enterprise solutions will be discussed. Challenges to realizing unified talent management will also be presented.
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Supporting Employee Engagement at 3M: Social Media and Virtual Methods (Kris Fenlason, 3M) This presentation illustrates 3M's use of virtual methods to grow employee engagement within a longstanding culture of innovation. Technology is a key ingredient in a comprehensive initiative to educate, enable, and align employees around engagement to stimulate innovation and growth. Topics discussed include social media, online collaboration, training, and toolkits.
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break, Medallion BR Foyer
3:00 – 3:30 PM	We Meet Again, Though We Have Never Met: Managing Global Teams Virtually (Sarah Johnson, CLC Genesee) Technology has made the business world a more connected place, allowing collaborative work by colleagues resident in different states, countries, and continents. This session will discuss where technology succeeds and where it fails to enhance team productivity, and proven tactics that build team spirit and enhance the effectiveness of teams.
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Telecommuting: How Do We Navigate the Path to Effectiveness? (Tim Golden, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) Although telecommuting has become increasingly commonplace as a form of virtual work, we know relatively little about how to optimize this work practice for maximum effectiveness. This presentation will cover current findings from the growing body of telecommuting research and discuss ways to help improve telecommuting's success. A range of perspectives will be integrated to provide audience members a holistic view of the considerations needed to effectively implement telecommuting programs.

4:00 – 4:30 PM	Challenges and Opportunities of Changing Technology for Our Aging Workforce (Janet Barnes-Farrell, University of Connecticut) How can organizations leverage new technologies to optimize and maintain the work effectiveness and well-being of our aging workforce? In this session, Dr. Barnes-Farrell will discuss technological innovations that offer opportunities for adults to extend their working lives in nontraditional ways. She will also highlight key challenges that must be addressed to take advantage of these opportunities.
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Panel (Sandra, Lynn, Nathan, Kris, Sarah, Tim, and Janet)
5:00 – 5:10 PM	Wrap-up: Kurt Kraiger
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Reception, Rathskeller
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Networking Dinners

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration/Help Desk, Medallion BR Foyer
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast, Medallion BR Foyer
8:30 – 2:00 PM	General Session, Medallion Salon CD

Impediments to Technological Innovation (Lori Foster Thompson, Science Chair, Moderator)

This module features emerging technological innovations applied to the workplace including social media and those used for training and assessment. We will summarize challenges to incorporating virtual technologies into the workplace and risks and barriers to the effectiveness of technological innovation at work. We will also examine strategies for effective social media, virtual training, and assessment technology in the workplace.

8:30 – 9:00 AM	The Transformational Organization: How the Social Media Revolution Is Changing Work (Andrea S. Goldberg, Digital Culture Consulting) Social media is impacting many areas considered the domain of I-O psychologists: organizational culture, selection, training, employee engagement, and leadership. This talk will explore this shift, discuss benefits and challenges, provide cases of innovative social media solutions, and share a vision of the collaborative, virtual, and open organization of the future.
9:00-9:30 AM	Enterprise 2.0: Collaboration and Innovation in Organizational Context (Colonel Nate Allen, U.S. Army) The ever-increasing pace of change and complexity that 21st century organizations face demands the ability to rapidly share, make decisions, and generate new knowledge for novel challenges as they arise in the environment. This session explores the potential that social technology holds for enabling individual and organizational learning and effectiveness, cross-boundary collaboration, and innovation using front line leaders in the U.S. Army as a case example.
9:30-10:00AM	Advancements in Training (Kevin Ford, Michigan State University) This talk highlights advancements in training relevant to the virtual workforce and changing nature of work. These include emerging training methods (e.g., self managed learning and guided discovery) and new training technologies (e.g., computer adaptive learning, serious games, and virtual reality). Both case studies and research evidence will be discussed.
10:00-10:30 AM	Break, Medallion BR Foyer
10:30-11:00 AM	Best Practices in Developing and Implementing Technology-Enhanced Assessment (Nancy Tippins, Valtera) Technology is increasingly used to facilitate distribution of assessment content, ensure consistent administration and scoring, enhance the realism of the assessment, and reduce costs. Best practices in technology-enhanced assessment programs are emerging as I-O psychologists become more experienced in their use. This presentation will highlight best practices and provide examples.
11:00-Noon	Panel (Andrea, Nate, Kevin, Nancy)

Noon-1:00 PM

Lunch, Rathskeller

1:00 – 1:45 PM



Closing Keynote Address: The Virtual Global Workforce: Leveraging Its Impact
Wayne Cascio, University of Colorado

Technology has rendered geography meaningless, and as much as 30% of the work of multinationals can be done virtually. To optimize the use of the global virtual workforce, it is important to recognize its limits and possibilities. I-O psychologists play critical roles in that process, and this presentation will present alternative strategies for managing virtual workers.

1:45 – 2:00 PM

Wrap-up/Closing Comments: Kurt Kraiger

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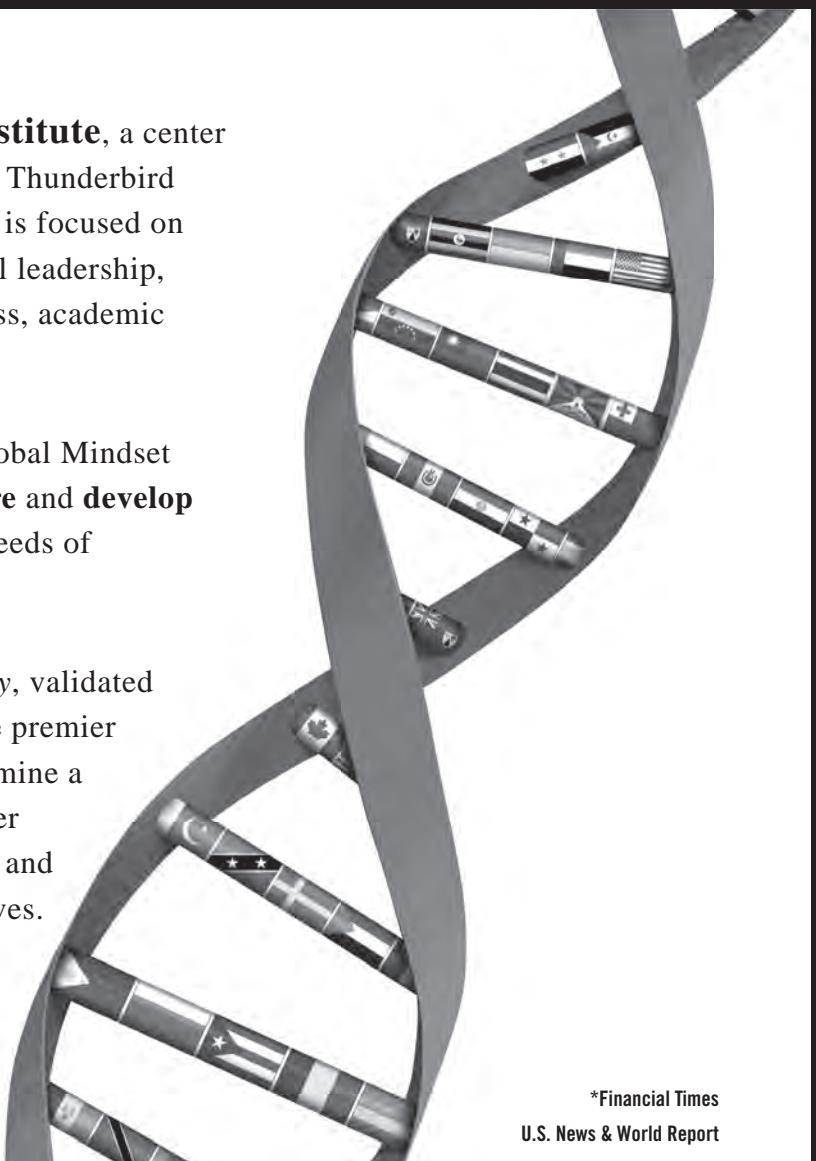
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